given adequate attention to improve the financial health of the SEBs and to make power available on demand. The means for achieving this objective as well as modalities for implementation of Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP) were discussed. In order to ensure timely achievement of results, discussions were held on Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to be signed between SEBs/Utilities and the Ministry of Power and on performance benchmarks and targets.

Progress Regarding Setting up of Kota Thermal power Station UNIT-VI

4464. SHRI AIMADUDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in setting up of the Kota Thermal Power Station Unit-VI (XI 195 MW);

(b) whether TEC (Techno-Economic Clearance) for the same has been issued by the Central Electricity Authority; and

(c) by when, the unit is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The order for supply, erection & commissioning of steam generator and turbine generator of Kota Thermal Power Station Unit-VI has been placed on BHEL in July, 2001 at a total cost of Rs. 293.00 crores. The Civil Work of Boiler area has commenced in September, 2001. The civil works of other areas have also been commenced and are under full swing. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has issued letter of comfort in December, 2001 to provide financial assistance of Rs. 445.00 Crore which represents 70% of the project cost. The Techno-economic clearance of the Scheme was considered by CEA in January, 2002 and is held up due to non-receipt of ratification of coal linkage by Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term), Ministry of Coal. The Unit is envisaged to be commissioned within 27 months from the date of the placement of order for main plant package and equipment.